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College Board Release Rhode Island SAT, AP, and PSAT Results

The College Board today (August 29th, 2006) released the 2006 test scores and participation rates of Rhode Island public-school seniors on the SAT and AP (advanced placement) exams.

On the SAT test, Rhode Island students scored 484 in Critical Reading, 494 in Mathematics, and 478 in Writing, which was part of the SAT for the first time in 2006. About 60 percent of the public-school seniors in the state took the exam, virtually unchanged since 2005.

As with nearly all states, Rhode Island scores declined in 2006 – off 8 points in Critical Reading and 5 points in Mathematics. All states with participation rates above 25 percent saw a decline in scores. The College Board believes that the nationwide drop in scores may have occurred because the SAT test was expanded and redesigned in 2006.

Over the past five years, Rhode Island SAT scores have dropped 6 points in Critical Reading and climbed by 2 points in Mathematics. Last year's scores were up 7 points.

The College Board reported that Rhode Island participation rates were up in both the PSAT (a preparatory version of the SAT that is administered to sophomores and juniors) and in AP exams, which test students on college-level courses taken as part of the high-school curriculum.

Participation in the AP tests was up by 7 percent. There was a 10-percent increase in students scoring 3 or better, which represents college-level mastery.

“This steady improvement in AP testing shows that more of our students are taking challenging courses and succeeding in mastering challenging material, though we still have much work ahead of us as we try to bring all students to proficiency,” said James A. DiPrete, Chairman of the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education.

The PSAT participation rate increased 24 percent among juniors and nearly doubled (a 93-percent increase) among sophomores. The R.I. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) has begun to pay all testing fees for any district that requires all juniors to take the PSAT exam. The PSAT generally leads to better student scores on the SAT exams, according to the College Board.

“Though I am disappointed to see this one-year decline in Rhode Island SAT scores, I believe that the one-year drop can in part be attributed to the newly structured SAT exams,” said Peter McWalters, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. “I am confident that by next year the scores will once again improve, as they have done throughout the past decade.”

The SATs, administered by the College Board, are voluntary tests that are used as a criterion for college admissions. Each is scored on a scale of 200 to 800 points. Nationwide, among public-school students the scores were 500 for Critical Reading (down 5 points), 514 for Mathematics (down 1 point), and 505 for Writing. The participation rate was 41 percent.

A list of scores by public high school will be posted on the RIDE website, www.ride.ri.gov

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SAT SCORES OF RI PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS BY SCHOOL CLASS OF 2006

		# TEST TAKERS	SAT SCORES		
DISTRICT	NAME		MATHEMATICS	CRITICAL READING	WRITING
RHODE ISLAND	RHODE ISLAND	6067	494.04	483.95	478.09
Barrington	Barrington HS	258	579.69	551.71	543.47
Beacon Charter School	Beacon Charter School	10	393.00	426.00	433.00
Block Island	Block Island School	*	*	*	*
Bristol-Warren	Mt. Hope HS	147	493.81	480.00	479.86
Burrillville	Burrillville HS	76	509.21	484.47	484.19
Central Falls	Central Falls JR-SR HS	70	383.14	373.57	379.00
Chariho	Chariho HS	149	533.02	531.88	516.36
Coventry	Coventry HS	231	492.77	484.63	482.39
Cranston	Cranston HS-E	171	504.09	505.50	500.24
Cranston	Cranston HS-W	247	523.44	513.40	505.65
Cumberland	Cumberland HS	234	514.10	498.03	494.96
Davies Technical	Davies Technical	30	491.00	470.67	429.66
East Greenwich	East Greenwich HS	153	574.58	556.21	566.37
East Providence	East Prov. HS	246	471.10	460.57	453.99
Exeter-W. Greenwich	E-WG HS	98	525.00	499.49	498.13
Foster-Glocester	Ponaganset HS	124	514.68	502.82	491.20
Johnston	Johnston Sr HS	97	450.41	448.87	446.81
Lincoln	Lincoln Sr HS	158	534.75	528.99	519.66
Metro Career & Tech Ctr	Metropolitan Career & Tech	6	*	*	*
Middletown	Middletown High School	88	497.05	506.02	504.24
Narragansett	Narragansett HS	106	526.42	503.30	504.53
Newport	Rogers HS	119	500.42	478.74	470.80
North Kingstown	N. Kingstown Sr HS	297	543.80	533.06	516.22
North Providence	N. Prov. HS	121	483.06	473.06	470.50
North Smithfield	N. Smithfield Jr-Sr HS	76	506.58	503.42	498.13

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Pawtucket	William Tolman Sr HS	97	472.99	447.53	440.86
Pawtucket	Shea SHS	130	441.62	423.00	411.51
Portsmouth	Portsmouth HS	184	531.20	522.50	516.57
Providence	Central HS	105	344.19	344.10	342.18
Providence	Old Hope HS	41	337.56	354.88	364.74
Providence	Mount Pleasant HS	117	354.02	349.49	340.63
Providence	Classical HS	272	516.40	516.21	508.83
Providence	Alternate Learning	*	*	*	*
Providence	Textron Academy	28	404.29	374.29	388.21
Providence	Feinstein HS	56	341.25	364.11	361.25
Providence	E-Cubed Academy	37	357.84	347.03	334.59
Providence	Providence Acad of Intl Studi	32	325.94	329.06	330.94
Providence	Health Sc Tech High School	40	345.75	347.00	348.50
Providence	Hope Information Tech School	26	361.54	377.31	349.23
Providence	Hope Leadership School	24	340.00	355.83	349.17
Providence	Hope Arts School	20	338.50	376.50	384.00
RI School For The Deaf	RI School For The Deaf	*	*	*	*
Scituate	Scituate HS	75	512.67	488.80	497.50
Smithfield	Smithfield SHS	141	517.45	500.99	484.30
South Kingstown	S. Kingstown HS	243	538.27	526.54	512.32
Times2 Academy	Times2 Academy	41	399.02	408.29	390.00
Tiverton	Tiverton HS	117	504.62	492.31	485.83
Warwick	Warwick Veterans Memorial HS	147	512.45	491.56	493.57
Warwick	Pilgrim HS	161	481.37	475.34	471.59
Warwick	Toll Gate HS	159	497.67	487.55	491.30
West Warwick	West Warwick SHS	105	480.95	482.10	476.99
Westerly	Westerly HS	178	502.25	492.08	485.93
Woonsocket	Woonsocket HS	162	452.35	438.64	444.09
* = Fewer than 10 test-takers					